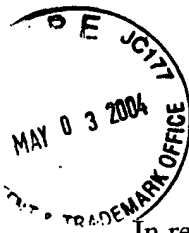


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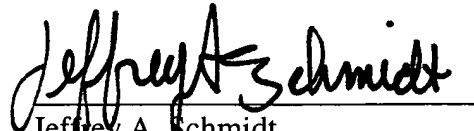
**SUBMISSION OF PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) AND MPEP § 724.05
TO EXPUNGE INFORMATION FROM APPLICATION FILE**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the Petition Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) and MPEP § 724.05 to Expunge Information from Application File is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Sir:

The assignee of the above-named application hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) to expunge from the file of the subject application information contained in a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement which was filed on December 21, 1999 under the provisions of MPEP § 724 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A separate letter submitting the appropriate fee and/or authorizing the charging of our Deposit Account No. 19-4880 for the appropriate fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is submitted herewith in duplicate.

The facts supporting the instant petition are as follows:

1. On December 21, 1999, a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement submitted in accordance with MPEP § 724, was filed at the direction of and on behalf of the assignee, who is the party in interest in the present application. The Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement was submitted in a sealed envelope, with the appropriate notations and transmittal letter included therewith. Copies of the transmittal letter and the PTO filing receipt which was filed with the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement are provided herewith.

2. The Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement contained proprietary information of the assignee, which information has not been publicly disclosed.

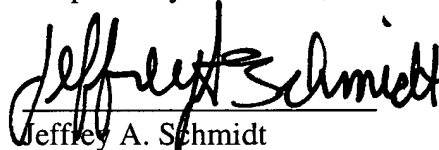
3. The Petitioner represents that the information in the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement will be retained throughout the life of any patent issuing on the subject application.

4. This petition is being submitted on behalf of the party in interest who originally submitted the information.

5. The information contained in the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement was not important to deciding patentability.

Consequently, given the importance of the confidentiality of the information to the assignee, it is submitted that the need for confidentiality outweighs the importance of having this information in the public file. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement filed December 21, 1999 be removed from the file of the subject application and returned to the undersigned at the local address below.

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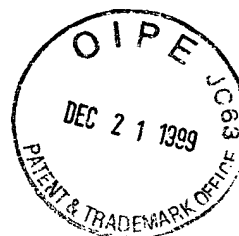
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TRANSMITTAL OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith in a sealed envelope in accordance with the procedures of MPEP § 724 is an
Information Disclosure Statement including proprietary information.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PROPRIETARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP § 724**

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Applicant(s) duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant(s) hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following which the Examiner may deem relevant to the above-identified application:

1. Application of Minoru MIYATAKE et al, entitled "LIGHT DIFFUSING PLATE, OPTICAL ELEMENT, AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY", based on Japanese Application No. Pat. Hei-10-376394, filed December 21, 1998 (Attorney Reference no. Q57340) filed December 21, 1999 (a copy of the application is submitted herewith)

The Examiner may consider these applications relevant to the above-captioned application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed no later than three months from the application's filing date and therefore no certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e) or fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p) is required.

The listing of these documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant(s) does not waive any rights to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

This paper contains proprietary information and is being submitted in accordance with the procedures of MPEP § 724.

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